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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In answer to clauses (a) and (b) the Government say that they have not considered the proposal of nominating members to the new Ongole District Board and to the new district boards. May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to take up nominations only when it suits party purposes? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Nomination will be made when it is considered necessary."

Orders of Government regarding the revision of pay of pandits, etc., employed in Secondary Schools managed by local boards and municipalities.

* 458 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether orders have been passed revising the scales of pay of pandits, etc., employed in the local boards and municipal secondary schools;

(b) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(c) whether a copy of the report of the Director of Public Instruction on which this order was passed will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) G.O. No. 3395, L. & M., dated 20th August 1935, has been placed on the table in answer to question No. 285.

(c) No, as no useful purpose is likely to be served by placing the Director of Public Instruction's report on the table.

Agriculture

Research work carried on consequent on the grants given by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research at Delhi.

* 459 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many items of research work are being carried on by the grants given by the Imperial Council of Agriculture at Delhi; what the grant sanctioned for each work is, and at what stage each of them now is;

(b) whether this Government are undertaking any such works from their own funds; and

(c) if so, what they are, what the estimated cost of each is, and how long each of them is to go on?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the schemes of research financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the amount of grant for each is appended (Appendix I). Brief notes [a] on items 1 to 3, 5, 9 and 10 of the schemes are also appended (Appendix II).

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As work on items 4, 6, 7 and 8 was started only recently, there is not much progress to report as yet.

(b) Work on lines of research similar to that financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research is already being carried on by the Agricultural and Veterinary departments. The financial assistance given by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research is only to subsidize special schemes of inquiry or research on particular crops or problems. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Administration Reports of both the departments which contain detailed information of the research work done.

(c) As no separate provision is made in the civil budget estimates for research work normally carried on by the departments and that required for carrying on administrative and other functions, it is not possible to give an estimate of the expenditure on research work. The hon. Member's attention is however invited to the civil budget estimates relating to these departments. The provision made under "Agricultural Research Stations" and "Research Institute" under "34. c. Agriculture" gives an idea of the amount the Government have been spending on agricultural research. It is not possible to say definitely how long particular lines of research are likely to be continued by these departments.

Co-operation

***Refusal** of Government for the acquisition of some land for the District Urban Bank, Salem.*

* 460 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Urban Bank at Salem applied for acquisition of some land for properly shaping the compound of the said bank premises;

(b) whether it is a fact that the acquisition was refused to be complied with; and

(c) if so, what the reasons therefor are and whether a copy of the order in the matter will be placed on the table?

A.—The bank applied for acquisition of land for the construction of 'a meeting hall for the bank and the public' and for improving the front view of the bank building. The Government did not consider that the Land Acquisition Act should be applied for acquiring land for the purposes referred to. A copy [a] of the order passed by Government is placed on the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 737 infra.